

Some churches use lengthy pastor search as chance to rediscover identity, purpose_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

**Some churches use lengthy pastor
search
as chance to rediscover identity,
purpose**

By Ken Camp

Managing Editor

Texas Baptist churches in growing numbers seem to believe good things come to those who wait-particularly when it comes to finding a pastor.



By the numbers

Total BGCT
congregations:

5,696

Pastorless
congregations:

744

Anglo: 465

Hispanic: 205

African-American:
42

Other: 32

*Source: BGCT
Research
Information
Services*

Three teens out of 10 took part in missions, ministry_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Three teens out of 10 took part in missions, ministry

By Jonah King

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)-About three U.S. teenagers in 10 have gone on at least one religious mission trip or participated in a religious service project, a new study says.

Texas Tidbits_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Texas Tidbits

Wayland trustees OK funds transfer. Wayland Baptist University trustees have approved a recommendation to use surplus funds toward a student activity center planned for the Plainview campus. The board's finance committee recommended that \$1 million be moved from a surplus operating fund at the Baptist Foundation of Texas into an account of funds already raised toward the Laney Activities Center. The project will be completed in two phases, with the first involving a double gymnasium, indoor running track, weights and aerobics area, classrooms and student lounge. Total projected cost for that phase is \$5.6 million. To date, gifts and pledges for the activity center total around \$2.3 million, and the university

hopes to be able to approach foundations and other donors to help secure the remainder needed to fund the center.

UMHB hosts forum. David Beasley, former governor of South Carolina, will be the keynote speaker at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor College of Business economic development forum, noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 17. Beasley will speak on the post-election United States economy and about global trade and its impact on Texas.

DBU Patriot Weekend offers preview. Dallas Baptist University will offer prospective students a college preview during Patriot Weekend, Nov. 12-13. The two-day preview is designed to provide high school juniors and seniors and their parents information on financial aid options, the admissions process and campus life. Students will have the opportunity to interview for Christian leadership scholarships while parents meet DBU administrators. The weekend concludes with a concert by DBU's student ministry team, Glowing Heart. The cost for students is \$25, which includes lodging and meals, as well as meals for their parents. For more information, call (214) 333-5360, or e-mail admiss@dbu.edu. Students who are unable to attend the weekend in November may register for the next Patriot Weekend, Feb. 11-12.

TOGETHER: Urge lawmakers to

do what is good_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

TOGETHER:

Urge lawmakers to do what is good

Is it important that Texas Baptists work together? Well, judge for yourself.

Texas is growing rapidly. By 2010, 9 million Hispanics will live here. This is 23 percent more than now. The non-Hispanic population will increase by 5 percent, or 676,000, so that in six years, there will be approximately 24.5 million people in Texas.

That is why starting new churches, with an emphasis on starting Hispanic churches, must remain a high priority for the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In 1994, there were 801 Hispanic congregations; now there are 1,131, a 41 percent increase. That must continue. We have emphasized working with Hispanic congregations to start churches, and more than 100 Hispanic churches have or are sponsoring new congregations.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
--

Baptists bring brighter smiles to children's faces_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Baptists bring brighter smiles to children's faces

By John Hall

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Baptists are looking for more than a few clean teeth.

Personal morality beats social justice at the polls_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Personal morality beats social justice at the polls

By Kevin Eckstrom & Michele Melendez

Religion News Service

WASHINGTON (RNS)—Forget Iraq. Forget terrorism. Forget the economy. The biggest factor shaping Americans' votes on Nov. 2 was the mother of all sleeper issues—"moral values."

Wayland marks 20 years of making a mark in San Antonio_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Wayland marks 20 years of making a mark in San Antonio

By Teresa Young

Wayland Baptist University

SAN ANTONIO—When Jim Antenen became dean of Wayland Baptist

University's San Antonio campus two years ago, he discovered it already was a thriving school, settled into a new 33,000-square-foot facility on Interstate 35 with enrollment figures rising each term. He thought things couldn't get any better.

Low-income mentally ill people find hope at the Well_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

Low-income mentally ill people find hope at the Well

By George Henson

Staff Writer

DALLAS-Joel Pulis ministers to a previously unreached people group-lower-income people with mental illness.

On The Move_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

On the Move

Olin Boles to Central Texas Area as interim director of missions.

✕ **Kelly Burkhart** to Baptist Temple in Houston as pastor from First Church in Riesel.

✕ **Mickey Chitwood** to Ephesus Church in Jewett as minister of music.

Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Jesus & our churches_110804

November 5, 2004

Posted: 11/05/04

CYBERCOLUMN: Jesus & our churches

By Brett Younger

Jesus wouldn't recognize:

Heated, fiberglass baptisteries. Rivers are better symbols than bathtubs.

Storylist_110804

November 5, 2004

Storylist for 11/08/04 issue

GO TO SECTIONS:

- [Texas](#)
- [Baptists](#)
- [Faith](#)
- [Departments](#)
- [Opinion](#)
- [Bible Study](#)



- [Baptists bring brighter smiles to children's faces](#)
- [Some churches use lengthy pastor search as chance to rediscover identity, purpose](#)
- [Reyes offers suggestions for dealing with pastor shortage in Hispanic congregations](#)
- [Isolation, economics make it hard to find pastors in some rural areas](#)
- [Faith sustains military couples seeking to adopt](#)
- [Mothers who place babies with Buckner find help at retreat](#)
- [Senior adults reveal spiritual needs through stories with deep meaning, chaplain says](#)
- [Chaplain offers exercises to help ministers relate to effects of aging](#)

- [Co-workers should be honored, not manipulated, chaplaincy director says](#)
- [Former NAMB chaplaincy director transfers his endorsement to BGCT](#)
- [Hispanic McAllen church launches English-speaking mission](#)
- [Not just Español in Hispanic churches](#)
- [Midland missionary serves in Uganda](#)
- [Falfurrias church sees itself as missional, and it wants everyone to know it](#)
- [Texas Baptist Missions Foundation marks 20 years of mission funding](#)
- [Young Brownwood woman adopts African lifestyle to share Christian faith](#)
- [Busy preachers face temptation to plagiarize ready-to-preach sermons](#)
- [When the preacher confesses, people listen, Miller insists](#)
- [Southwestern Seminary proceeds with plans to launch college; names new vice president](#)
- [Texas Baptist Men work with Brazil's leaders to form faith-based disaster relief network](#)
- [TBM Retiree Builders remodel three British churches to meet accessibility requirements](#)
- [Wayland marks 20 years of making a mark in San Antonio](#)
- [Low-income mentally ill people find hope at the Well](#)
- [On the Move](#)

- [Around the State](#)
- [Texas Tidbits](#)
- [DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXANS: Demographic guru Steve Murdock](#)

Previously posted

- [Christian illusionist uses stunts to present gospel message](#)



- [Southeastern Seminary audit yields suggested procedural improvements](#)
- [Missouri Baptist Convention files new suits against five agencies than changed charters](#)
- [Louisiana College violated accrediting body's standards and internal policies, study says](#)
- [Baptist Briefs](#)



- [Woman won't rest until every orphan has a clean bed](#)



- [Evidence shows plague of slavery persists in northwest Africa](#)
- [Christian tourists begin returning to Holy Land after four-year hiatus](#)

- [Evangelical women begin to speak out about depression](#)



- [Personal morality beats social justice at the polls](#)
- [Voters in 11 states approve bans on same-sex marriage](#)
- [Students involved in religious life report better emotional health, research shows](#)
- [Three teens out of 10 took part in missions, ministry](#)
- [Ethnic 'niche' Bible study groups attract university students](#)
- [Call to kill terrorists 'in the name of the Lord' sparks outcry](#)
- [Most community foundations fund faith-based social services, study shows](#)
- [Right to Life researchers critique abortion study](#)



- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)
- [Classified Ads](#)
- [On the Move](#)
- [Around the State](#)



- [DOWN HOME: 25th Reunion Blessing recalled](#)
- [EDITORIAL: 'Moral values' should mean more than sexual ethics](#)
- [TOGETHER: Urge lawmakers to do what is good](#)
- [ANOTHER VIEW: Marketplace impacts global missions](#)
- [Texas Baptist Forum](#)
- [Cybercolumn by Brett Younger: Jesus and the churches](#)



- [BaptistWay Bible Series for Nov. 14: Commended by Christ, committed to the Corinthians](#)
- [LifeWay Explore the Bible Series for Nov. 14: Fundamental facets of a fulfilling prayer life](#)
- [LifeWay Family Bible Series for Nov. 14: The Creator rules the whole of his handiwork](#)

[See articles from previous issue 11/01/04 here.](#)

BGCT board approves mission,

vision, values &&&&&&&a mp; priorities_100404

November 5, 2004

Posted: 10/01/04

BGCT Executive Board member Randall Scott, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Paris, recommends the board postpone a decision about a change in the convention's structure.(John Hall Photos)
--

BGCT board approves mission, vision,

values & priorities

By Marv Knox

Editor

DALLAS-The Baptist General Convention of Texas Executive Board overwhelmingly approved a set of mission, vision, values and priority statements to guide the convention's work in coming decades.